

*This is a test of the Health Alert Network System. This is a MOCK document prepared for an exercise that is in progress. The information presented in this mock document is fictitious.*



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**HEALTH ALERT NETWORK  
HEALTH ALERT**

**Health Alert Network/Hospital Surge Capacity Exercise**

Attention hospital personnel:

An exercise is in progress. This HAN message is being sent to test the Health Alert Network system. We are testing both your response time to this message and your current capacity. Please respond to the following questions as soon as possible. The questions assume the following scenario is happening:

A small town in ND has recently celebrated "Bonanza Days." Many people are presenting to area hospitals with nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and dyspnea.

In order to manage the medical response we need the following information from each hospital.

1. How many open beds do you currently have?
2. If you were to implement your emergency response plan, how many beds could be available in three hours?
3. How many ventilators do you have that are not currently in use?

In the event of a real Health Alert, we would ask you to report to the BT WAN video conferencing area at your facility. For this test scenario, please respond by e-mail to [seagle@state.nd.us](mailto:seagle@state.nd.us).

If you have any questions regarding this exercise, please contact Brenda Vossler at 701.328.2748 or [bvossler@state.nd.us](mailto:bvossler@state.nd.us).

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*Categories of Health Alert messages:*

- Health Alert conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.
- Health Advisory provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
- Health Update provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary.
- Health Information provides general information that is not necessarily considered to be of an emergent nature.

*This TEST message is being sent to hospital bioterrorism coordinators, infection control nurses, and hospital administrators.*